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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80776

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003. Applicants note that JP-A-59-222381, which was cited in the Japanese Office Action submitted herewith, is not listed in this disclosure statement because the corresponding JP-B2-2-31673 was cited in the disclosure statement filed on September 7, 2004.

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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three

months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the

merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes

prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing

concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p)

is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for

foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a

foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an

English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication

indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for

foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: The submission of

English language abstracts for JP-A-2001-246841, JP-A-2002-161225, JP-A-58-45272,

JP-A-7-268254, and JP-A-6-340835 constitutes a concise statement of relevance of

JP-A-2001-246841, JP-A-2002-161225, JP-A-58-45272, JP-A-7-268254, and JP-A-6-340835.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such

document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not

waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any

listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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